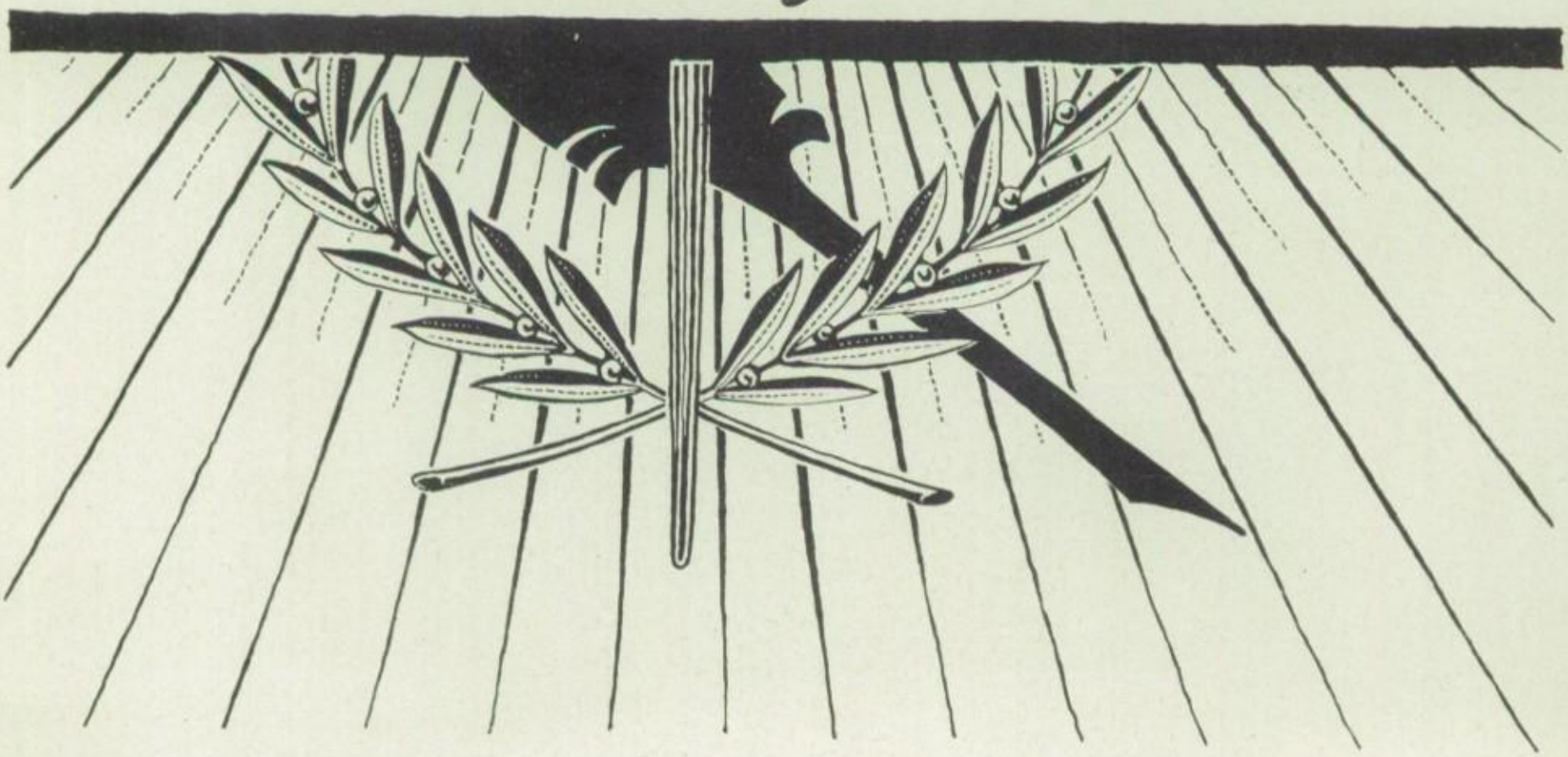
1953

THE PLAINSMAN

DEDICATION



To those Prairie City boys who are now making a supreme sacrifice of life to keep our nation great, this annual is dedicated by the Senior Class of 1953.

Their courage and devotion shall continue to be an inspiration to better citizenship and greater loyalty throughout the years.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
SEAL

MR. KUTZLI

Mr. Kutzli is completing his third successful year at Prairie City. In addition to his duties as superintendent, he also teaches Physics, Science, and Economics.

His highly dignified manner is well known throughout the community as well as in the school.

JO VAN PEURSEM

NELLIE HARRIS

Jo served our school in many ways during the three semesters she was at P. C. H. S. Among the many duties were the girls' basketball chaperone, secretary of Board of Education, scorekeeper for basketball games, and also substitute teacher. Her wonderful personality and her pleasing ways, which gave her the ability to make friends easily, will not be forgotten.

Nellie who took over when Jo resigned, is known for her bright smile and pleasing personality. We have found her to be very efficient and capable in the office.

HOWARD VAN PEURSEM
School. . . . . Central
Degree . . . . . B. A.
Subjects. . . Mathematics, Athletics
Home Town. . . . . Maurice

MARY OLIVER
School. . . . Drake University
Degree. . . . . B. A.
Subjects . . . . . English
Advisor . . . . . School Daze
Home Town. . . . Des Moines

GERALD MADSON
School. . . . . Omaha University
Degree . . . . . B. A.
Subjects. . . . . Music
Home Town. . . . . Council Bluffs

GERTRUDE REGIER
School . . . . . Taylor University
Degree . . . . . B. A.
Subjects. . . . Home Ec. & Biology
Home Town. . Mountain Lake, Minn.

MARVIN ANDREWS
School. . . . University of Iowa
Degree . . . . . B. A.
Subjects. History, Government
Home Town. . . . . Toddville

BEVERLY ADAMS
School. . . . Iowa State Teachers
Degree . . . . . B. A.
Subjects . . . . . Typing,
. . . . . Shorthand, Bookkeeping
Home Town. . . . . Burlington
Advisor. . . . . Annual

RUTH RAY
School. . . Iowa State Teachers
Degree. . . . . Elementary
Subjects. . . . . .1st & 2nd
Home Town. . . . Prairie City

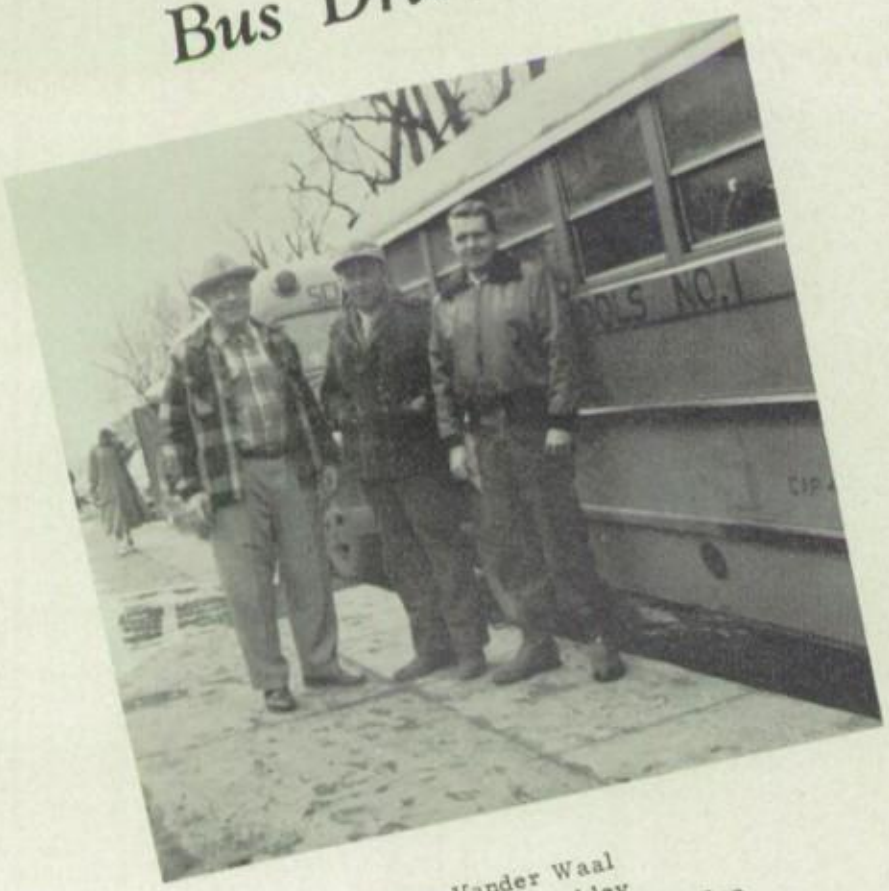
LOUISE ALLEN
School. . Iowa State Teachers
Degree. . . . 2 Years Normal
Subjects. . . . . 5th & 6th
Home Town. . . .Prairie City

THELMA RUCKMAN
School. . . Iowa State Teachers
Degree. . . . . .Elementary
Subjects. . . Kindergarten & 1st
Home Town . . . . .Des Moines

RUSSELL ACKLEY
School . . . . . Simpson
Subjects. . . . Manual Training
. . . . . Junior High
Home Town. . . . . Gravity

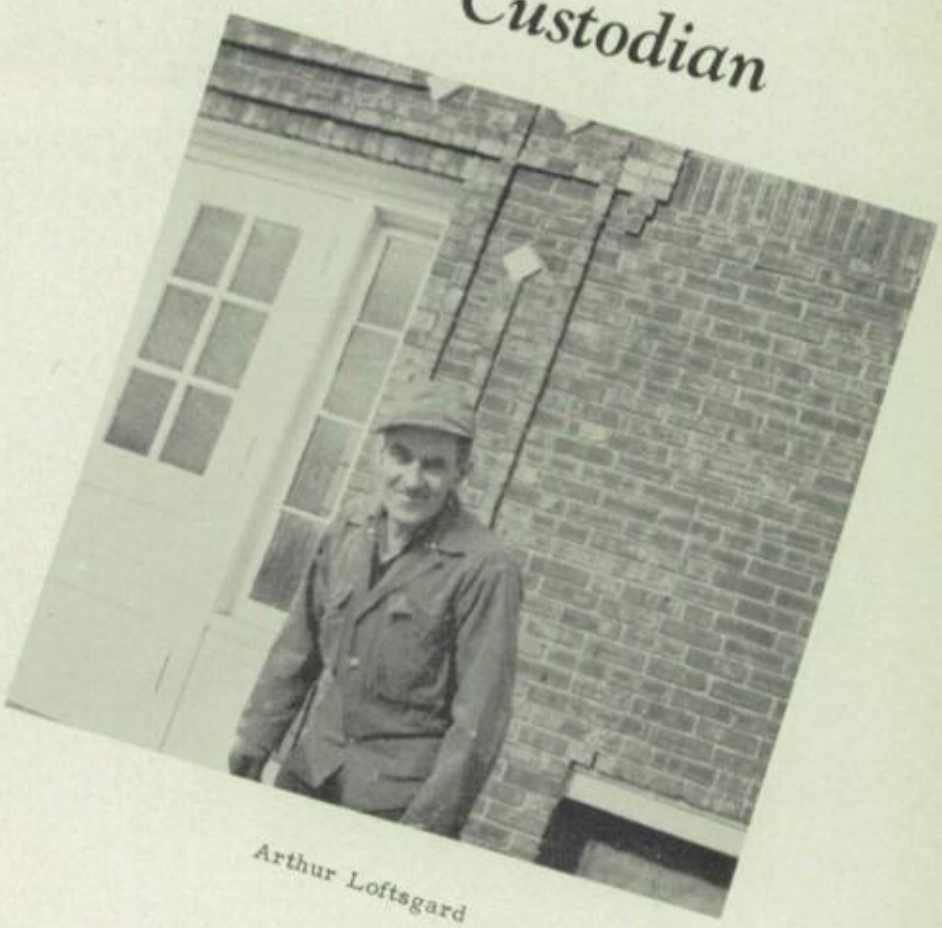
MARDELLE GODFREY
School. . Iowa State Teachers
Degree. . . . .2 Years Normal
Subjects . . . . . 3rd & 4th
Home Town. . . . .Garnavillo

Bus Drivers



James Vander Waal
Russell Ackley
Meredith Van Zee

Custodian



Arthur Loftsgard

Our Hot Lunch

Mrs. Brashear
Mrs. Sandburg
Mrs. De. Bruyn

Random Snaps

BAND PRACTICE

HOME ECONOMICS CLASS

MANUAL TRAINING CLASS

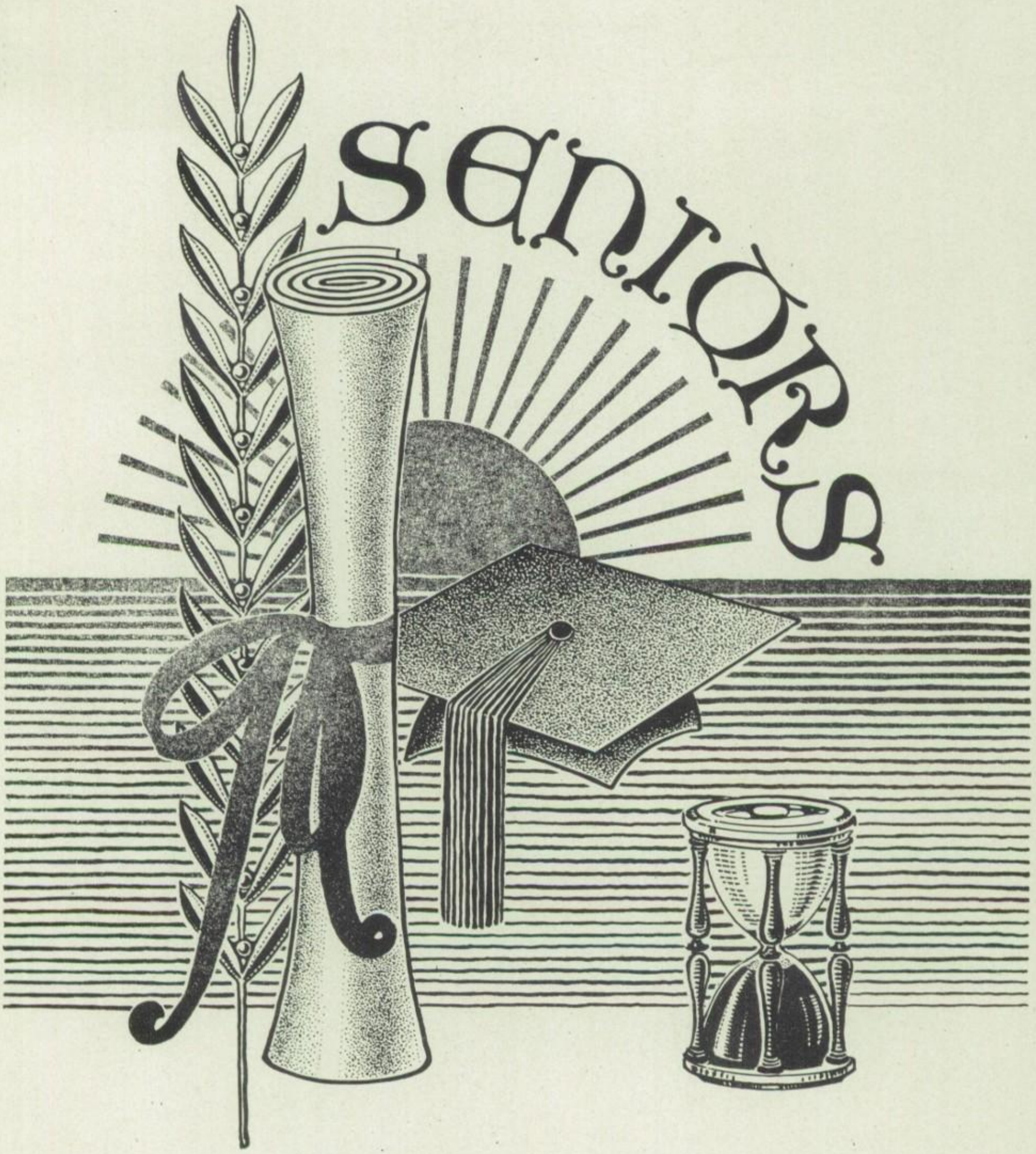
THE ASSEMBLY

"BIG NOISE"

JUNIOR CONCESSION STAND

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

seniors



Class of "53"

FLOWER: RED ROSE

COLORS: RED AND SILVER

PRESIDENT

Mary Lou Van Gundy. . . . ."Trudy"

Say my complexion is ruddy, but don't say I blush.

President. 4
Secretary and Treasurer. 2
Annual Staff. 4
Annual Editor. 4
Class Play. 3

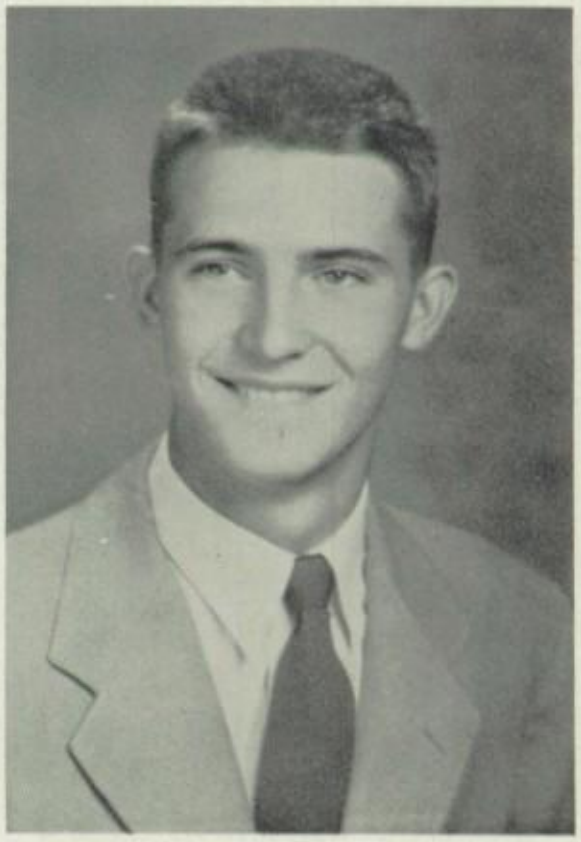
SECRETARY & TREASURER

Ronald Hiemstra "Mort"

"The mind ought sometimes to be diverted that it may return the better to thinking."

President. 2
Secretary and Treasurer. 4
Baseball. 1
Annual Staff. 4
Pep Club. 1
Mixed Chorus. 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Play. 3
Band. 1, 2
Homecoming Chairman. 4

VICE-PRESIDENT



Larry Jenings "Pete"

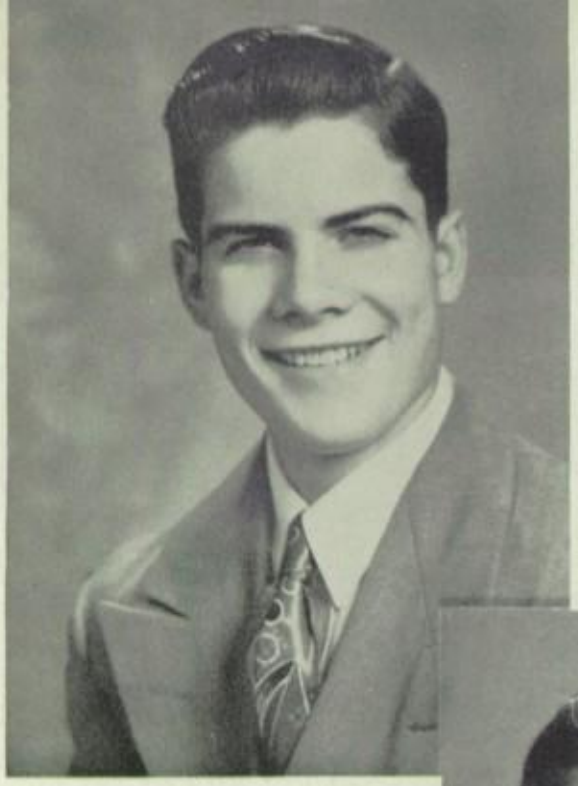
I want to be bashful but the girls won't let me.

Vice-President. 3, 4
Football. 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball. 2, 3, 4
Baseball. 1, 2, 3, 4
Letter Club. 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff. 3, 4

LOVE ALL,

TRUST A FEW,

DO WRONG TO NO ONE!



Donald Hunsicker "Hun"

"It isn't what you do it's what you get away with."

Football 1
Basketball. 1
Baseball 1
Letter Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff 4

Rosemary Hanel "Hanel"

"The narrow vale is not for me
I'll climb the mountain peak and see
The world and all my heart desires."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Letter Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff 3, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Paper Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Play 3
Band 1, 2
One-Act Play 2
Homecoming Candidate 4
Clarinet Quartette 1
Pep Club Vice-President . . . 3, 4
Clarinet Trio 2
Accompanist 2, 3, 4

James Taylor "Taylor"

"Young fellows will be young fellows."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Letter Club 3, 4
Annual Staff 4
Class Play 3

Ardis Van Peursem "Ardie"

A smile will go a long, long way.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Letter Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff 3, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Paper Staff 2, 3, 4
Class Play 3
Pep Club President 4
Letter Club Vice-Pres. 3, 4
Homecoming Queen 4

June Jennings

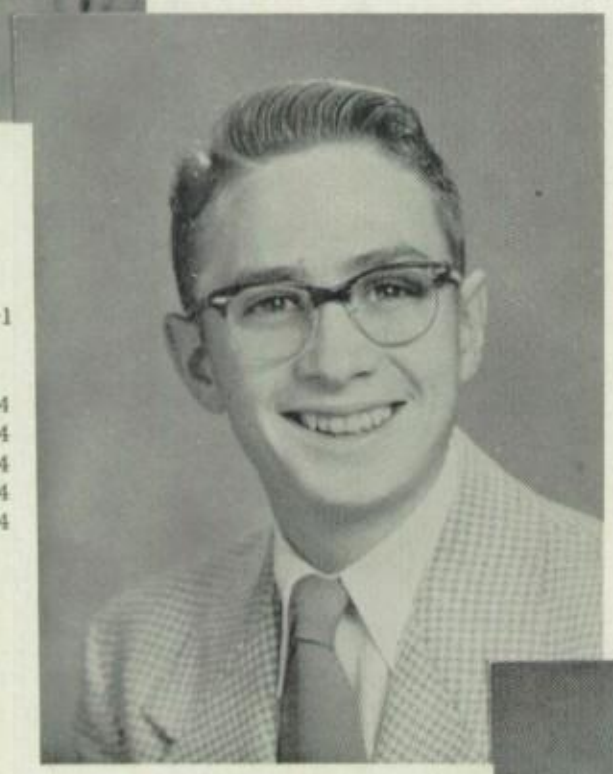
Silence often of pure innocence persuades, when speaking fails.

Letter Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball. 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff 4
Pep Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club. 1
Pep Club Secretary-Treasurer. . . 4
Homecoming Attendant. 4

Arthur Van Ryswyk "Art"

No Cupid's dart for me

Basketball 1, 2, 3
Basketball Manager. 1
Baseball. 1, 2
Letter Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff. 4



Bob Vanderzyl "Shorty"

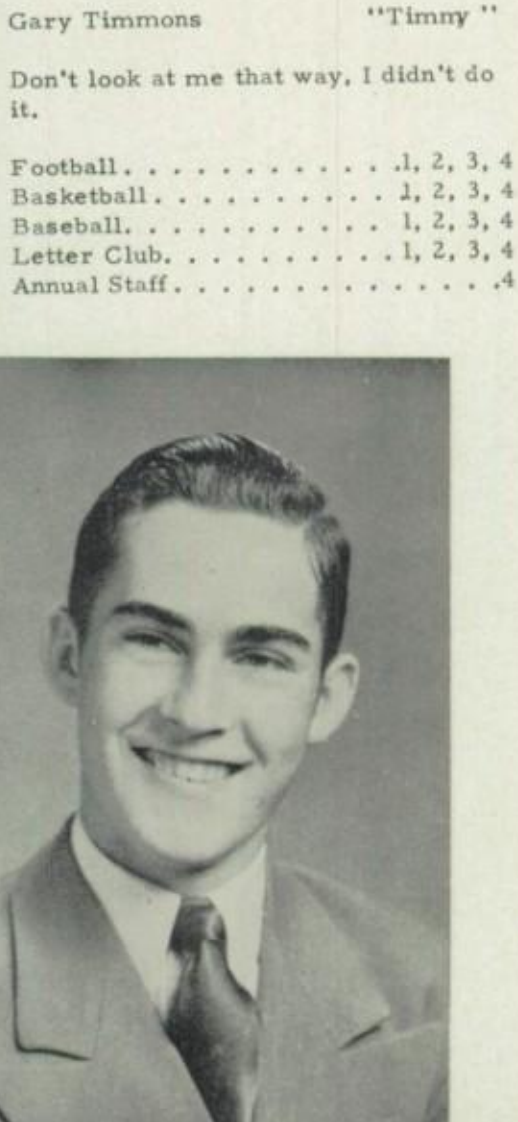
A whiz at sports and a girl he courts.

Letter Club 2,3,4
Football. 1,2,3,4
Baseball. 1,2,3,4
Basketball. 1,2,3,4
Annual Staff 3,4

Wanda Abrahams "Wanie Lou"

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, 'can't do without men'."

President. 3
Basketball 4
Basketball Manager 4
Letter Club 3, 4
Annual Staff. 4
Pep Club. 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Cheerleader. 3
Sax Quartette. 2, 4
One-Act Play. 2
Queen's Attendant 4
Marching Band 4



Gary Timmons "Timmy"

Don't look at me that way, I didn't do it.

Football. 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball. 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball. 1, 2, 3, 4
Letter Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff. 4

Beth Williams "Beth"

It's true indeed she's very small, but only weeds grow very tall.

Annual Staff. 4
Assistant Editor 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Paper Staff. 3, 4
Class Play. 3
Band. 1, 2, 3
Piano Solo 3, 4
Accompanist. 2, 3, 4
One-Act Play. 2
Brass Sextette. 3

Hubert Churchill "Egbert"

Somebody has to be a ladies' man.

Vice-President 1
Football. 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball. 1, 2
Baseball. 1, 2, 3, 4
Letter Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff. 4
Mixed Chorus. 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Play. 3
Mixed Quartette. 3
Vocal Solo 3, 4
Boys' Quartette 2, 3, 4

Jean Thompson "Jeanie"

A mirthquake of giggles

Basketball. 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff. 4
Pep Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
Paper Staff. 2, 3, 4
Class Play 3
Glee Club. 1

Cynthia Boot "Cindy"

Quiet, but so is a stick of dynamite before you light the fuse.

Annual Staff 4
Pep Club. 1, 2
Glee Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus. 1, 2, 3, 4
Paper Staff. 3, 4
Band. 1, 2
Piano Solo. 3, 4
Clarinet Quartette. 1
Clarinet Trio. 2
Accompanist. 3, 4
One-Act Play 2
Girls' Quartette 4

Keith Eugene Thornton "Susie"

Shall I go on or have I said enough?

President 1; Football 3,4; Basketball 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Letter Club 2,3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Paper Staff 1,2, 3,4; Class Play 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 2; Vocal Solo 2,3,4; One-Act Play 2; Boys' Quartette 2,3,4; Brass Quintette 4.

Elise Green "Rie Rie"

Happy as the night is long.

Annual Staff. 4
Pep Club 1,2,3,4
Glee Club. 1
Mixed Chorus 1

Barbara Vande Lune "Babs"

After man came woman, and she's been after him ever since.

Secretary and Treasurer. 3
Basketball. 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff 4
Pep Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Play. 3
Band. 2
One-Act Play. 2
Homecoming Candidate. 4

Our Journey To The "Moon"

On the first Monday of September, 1949, a group of timid and amateur passengers boarded a small and fragile plane headed for a long and tedious journey to the moon. We had been warned by many who encountered such an experience in previous years that our trip would not always be smooth and easy going. Amidst huge airliners, jets, and space ships our dubious crew felt very insufficiently clad in their green colored space suits. But, being brave and unfaltering, we are determined to reach our destination.

The first lap of our journey was highlighted by an initiation into the solar system. We also witnessed our first football and basketball games in which a few members of our crew participated.

After a year's travel over rough and treacherous territory we have to stop for refueling where we change our method of travel to an airliner and continue our trip with more confidence than in the previous year.

During the second lap we take a more active part in the solar activities. Pep meetings to cheer our Space Cadets on to victory and crew parties are some of the events in this period of our trip.

Becoming more accustomed to our new surroundings the third lap of our journey in a high-powered jet is not as difficult. We began this year with various duties such as operating a concession stand at the football and basketball games. Later on we received crew rings which we shall wear to remember our trip through the solar system. Another outstanding feature of this part of our trip was a play presented by the members of our crew. We also were hosts to a banquet served to those in the space ship ahead of us.

At last we were qualified to board the space ship where our duties and responsibilities were broadened. During the last year of our journey we witnessed the first homecoming and a Christmas party for all the members of the solar system. A very nice banquet was served by the Crew of '54 and we presented another play. An annual, published by our crew, will stand as a reminder of our short while in the solar system.

The baccalaureate service and graduation exercise marked the end of our long journey through the solar system and at last our dream of someday reaching the moon was fully realized.

The Last Will and Testament of the Class of '53

I, Rosemary Hanel, will my post-guard position to Sheryl Koder.

I, Jim Herweh, will my ability to knock rods out of cars to Lowell Vande Lune.

I, Ronald Heimstra, will my ability to be able to carry 6 subjects to Lowell Clark.

I, June Jennings, will my slow ways to Beverly Messmaker who always seems full of energy.

I, Wanda Abrahams, will my ways with the Monroe boys to Beverly Jabaai.

I, Larry Jennings, will my bus-driving job to Duane Jennings.

I, Jean Thompson, will my dimples to Karolyn Jennings.

I, Hubert Churchill, will my wavy hair to Walter Miller.

I, Cynthia Boot, will my ability to play the piano to Gordon Wassenaar.

I, Keith Thorton, will my five-dollar word vocabulary to Alan Campbell.

I, Gary Timmons, will may class ring to Beverly Trager???????

I, Bob Vanderzyl, will my ability to participate in sports to Donald Hughes.

I, Elise Green, will my quietness to Judy Shutt.

I, Mary Lou Van Gundy, will my scholastic ability to Marvin Brubaker.

I, Beth Williams, will my Pella boys to anyone who is interested.

I, Arthur Van Ryswyk, will my ability to break glasses to Travis Walters Jr.

I, Donald Hunsicker, will my Western Pocket Books to Larry Sparks.

I, Ardis Van Peursem, will my ability to keep a steady boy friend throughout high school to Marilyn Miller.

We, Jim Taylor and Barbara Vande Lune, will our ability to get along together to Joyce Moomaw and Max Ingram.

In Memory of

LOWELL WIGGINS

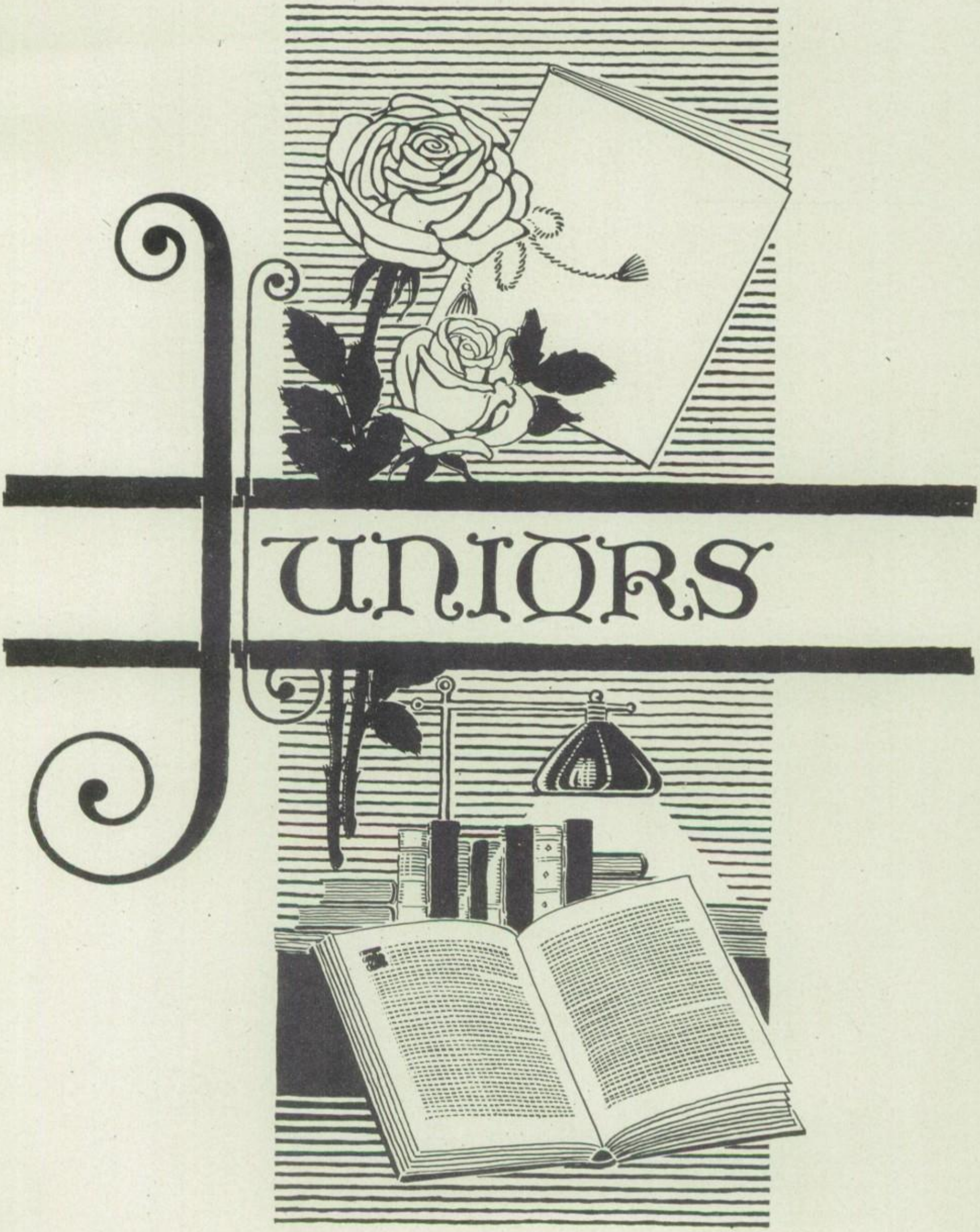
DONNIE MILLER

DONALD JABAAI

Lowell, who graduated in the Class of 1952, had a versatile personality, a good sense of humor, and an active interest in sports that will be remembered down through the years by his fellow-students here at Prairie City High School.

Donnie, who would be a Junior this year, will long be remembered here at Prairie City High School. His cheerful smile and pleasing personality endeared him to all who knew him.

Donald, who would also be a Junior this year, was noted for his mischievous ways and for his willingness to give a helping hand to all who knew him.


UNIORS

Junior Class

We are now the undersection of the upperclassmen and we are looking forward to next year with hope and anticipation. We started our activities of the year with our class play called "Broom for the Bride" and hope to give a banquet that will go off with a boom. Although we lost Joanne Oliver, we gained Dick Soutter this year. So there are still seventeen of us under the sponsorship of Mrs. Regier.

Pres. Doris Trunnel
Vice-Pres. Nona Mae Emerson
Sec. & Treas. Dorothy D ugherty

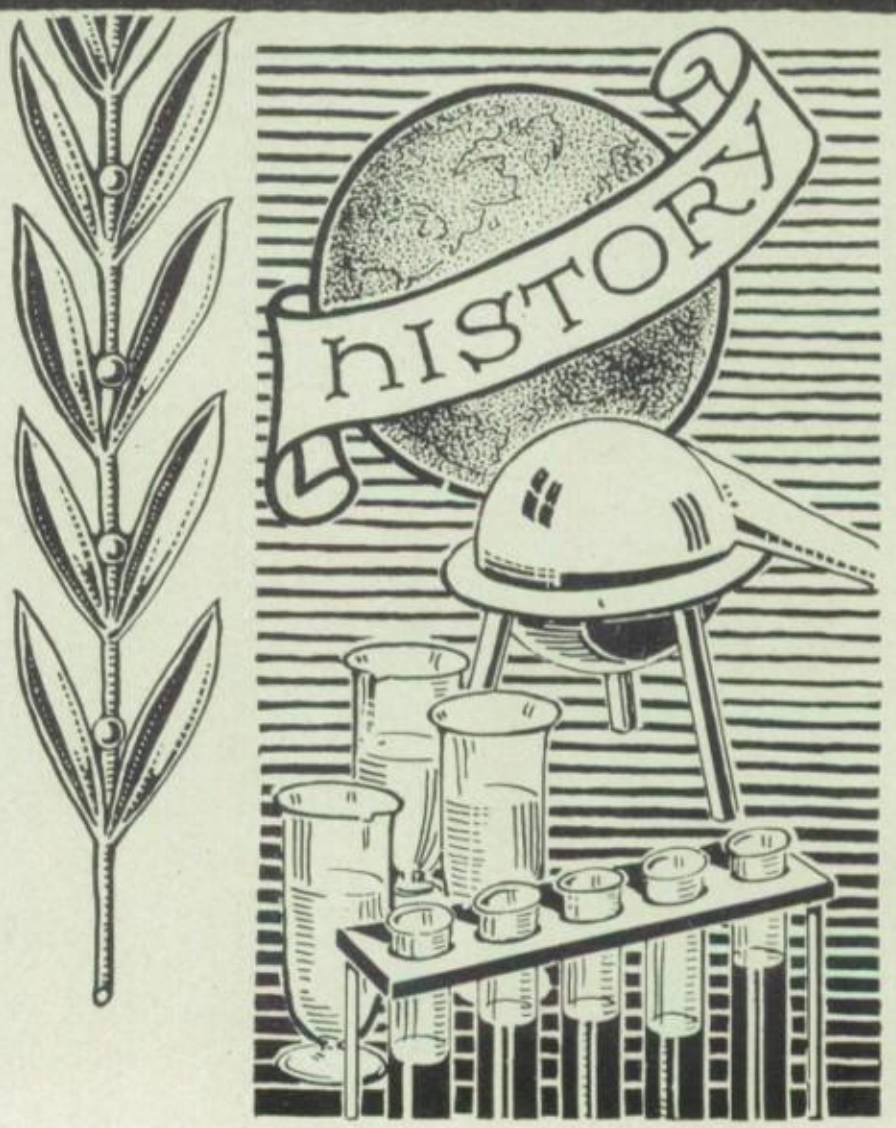
Lowell Vande Lune
Max Ingram
Gordon Wassenaar

Ruth Grimes
Ronald Telfer
Sandra Beaver

Dick Soutter
Mary Lou Van Wyngarden
Donald Hughes
Marilyn Miller

Truman Wagner
Jim McCauley
Marvin Brubaker
Dean Pulver

SOPHOMORES



Sophomore Class

When the fall of 1952 rolled around we came back, thankful that there were only three instead of four years left. There was only one new face among us, that of Walter Miller. Many of us took part in extra activities and also enjoyed a skating party in Colfax. Our sponsor is Mr. Andrews.

Pres. Margaret McFadden
Vice-Pres. Duane Jennings
Sec. Erma Lea Brewer
Treas. Jackie Sparks

Max Caldwell

Loren Vande Lune
David Boot
Joyce Moomaw
Judy Shutt
Lowell Clark

Elnor Herweh
Beverly Messmaker
Audrey Pulver
Grace Telfer
Walter Miller

Lila Steenhoek
Shirley Elrod
Phylis Abrahams
Margie Van Dyke
Danny Trunnel

Lois Krohn
Mary Shera
Beverly Trager
Bertha Grimes
Beverly Jabaai

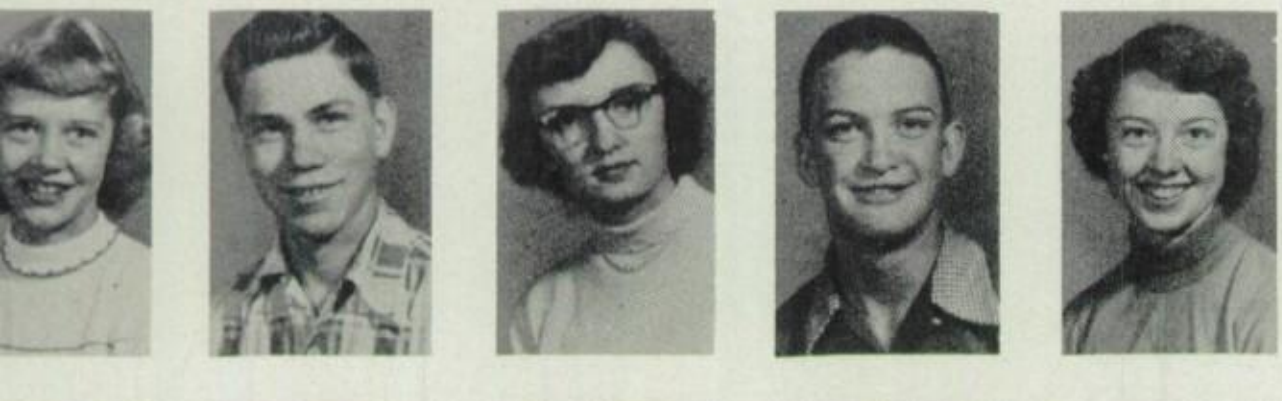
FRESHMEN

Freshman Class

As twenty-seven Freshmen we started the year and hope to make all four years as twenty-seven classmates. Among these we included eight new faces: Elaine Rinehart, Karolyn Jennings, Louise Kain, Howard Vander Hart, Jeanne Miller, Dorothy Van Zee, Alan Campbell, and Dorothy Shera, who joined us from country schools. We all lived through initiation to enjoy a Christmas party held in the gym. Now we're anxious to take the Sophomores' places next year. Our sponsor is Mr. Van Peursem.

Pres. Mary Louise Kain
Vice-Pres. Norma Neely
Sec. & Treas. Lola Steenhoek

Harley Thornton
Sheryl Koder
Howard Vander Hart
Barbara Jeanne Miller



Dorothy Van Zee
Beryl Bos
Janice Lee Beyers
Alan Campbell
Donna Lu Brunner

Travis Walters, Jr.
Karolyn Jennings
John Ritter
Nancy Williams
Larry Sparks

Alice Van Ryswyk
Dorothy Shera
Edna Sille
Ellen Vaught
Elaine Rinehart

Dorothy Van Houwelling
Alice Thompson
Jo Ellen Thompson
Janice Rowe
Larry Lourens

GRADES

Eighth Grade

This year Mrs. Oliver is our class sponsor. Madge Reed, LaVerne Beyers, and Jimmy Dean joined us in time to enjoy a theater party at Newton and spend our last year in Junior High. Now the fifteen of us are looking forward to next year when we will begin our high school days as the "green Freshmen."

La Vern Byers

Jerold Sneller

Jimmy Dean

Gene Koder

Irvin Van Haaften

Linda Sandy

Louise French: Vice-President

Bob Sparks: President

Loretta Cline: Sec. & Treas.

Madge Reed

Jon Dykstra

Larry Harrison

Dick Stevens

Billy Schlosser

Janet Wilson

Seventh Grade

Maybe we are just seventh graders, but due to the imaginative minds of our twenty-three members and sponsor, Mr. Ackley, we were able to give two entertaining skits this year--one for Homecoming and the other for Christmas. Our only class party was a movie at Colfax.

Ronnie Rowe

Alda Neely

Richard Hiemstra

Jon Jennings

Edward Williams

Margaret Morhauser

Wesley Ackley

Judy Van Zee

Dennis Brubaker

Judy Noon

Judy Kutchin

John Van Haalen

JoEllen Wassenaar

Paul Colyn

Beulah Byers

David Winegar

Jean Grimes

Jimmy Miller

Karen Boot

Raymond Williams

Carolyn Van Houweling

Kenneth Willis

Maxine Williams

Sixth Grade

Louis Booher

Shirley Hughes

Neola Bos
Raymond Wiliams

Marlene Freman
Dale Benson

Ronnie Vander Ploeg
Karen Sandy

Ronnie Miller
Sharon Coulson

Virginia Van Voorhis
Bobby Cline

Judy Buckingham
Donald Sille

Richard Morrow
Judy Schlosser

Harold Wilson
Virginia Abrahams

Barbara Vanderzyl

Marjorie Thornton

Dennis Ackly

Fifth Grade

Leslie Lourens
David Hinkley

Ralph Waddle
Douglas Reed

Nancy Dylstra
Deanna Kain

Joyce Birkenholz
Kay Byers

Wilber Deitrick
Melvin Neely

Gary Ackley
Arvin Sneller

Keith Willis
Ronnie Vander Myden

Jimmy McKlveen
Dennis Miller

Jerry Koder
Philip Jarnagin

Billy Soutter
Ronnie Van Zee

Fourth Grade

Keith Cline
Janet Byers

Martin Williams

Ruth Deitrick
Myron Van Houweling

Don Grimes
Carol Cook

Marcene Breed
Billy McKlveen

Stephen Holmes
Sheryl Coulson

Elaine Morgan
Gary Sandy

Dickie Dystra
Karen Erskine

Margaret Stoner
Le Roy Taylor

Max Vande Lune
Carol Messmaker

Third Grade

Janet Van Haalen

Sandra Koder

Donna Noon
Donna Byers

Barbara Williams
Jane Thompson

Marvin Wagner
Janet Buckingham

Mary Lee Morhauser
Johnny McCauley

Lloyd Van Zee
Annette Booher

Janet Jarnigan
Jay Benson

Brian Boot
Linda Hinckley

Karen Freeman
Glen Miller

Kerry Langston
June Kutchin

Sheryl Van Baale
Gary Dykstra

Second Grade

Bessie Noon

Donald Booher

John Stravers
Linda Sue Miller

Patricia Colyn
Darlene Sneller

Sandra Guthrie
Bobby Faidley

Douglas Bauer
Orvil Williams

James Brashear
Sharon Vander Ploeg

Howard Van Zee
Mary Louise Burns

Jerold Williams
Marla Jo Schuttinga

Donna Thornton
Colleen Brubaker

First Grade

Ronnie Lourens

Stephen Wilson

David Chandler

David Lee Perry

Karen Stevens

Linda Grimes

Eugene Van Baale

Bobby Erskine

Phyllis Stringer

Noralee Brubaker

David McClellan

Jimmy Myers

Linda Sue Byers

Mary Ann Russell

David Burns

Brian Vande Lune

Retha Trunnel

Sandra Neely

Ronald Waddle

Primary

Melvin Sneller, Vera Faidley, Billy Erskine, Dorotha Cannon

Judy Darlington, Mike Holmes, Carolyn Hinckley, Tommy Mcklveen

Paul Benson, Lila Renaud, Norvin Willis

Johnnie Myers, Linda Erskine, Jane Deitrick

Beverly Buckingham, Dale Noon, Lila Van Zee, David Coulson

Micheal Chandler, Linda Van Houweling, Mark Buitenwerf, Carol Van Baale

ACTIVITIES

GIRLS TRIO

BOYS QUARTETTE

GIRLS SEXTETTE

MIXED QUARTETTE

GRADE SCHOOL SEXTETTE

Soloists

Our Girls' Trio this year was composed of three Sophomores--Erma Lea Brewer, Margaret McFadden, and Lila Steenhoek with Rosemary Hanel as their accompanist. These girls performed at Lions' Club Meetings, Junior Class Play, Christmas Program, Spring Program, and Music Contest. Their contest number was "Bouree" by Bach.

The Boys' Quartette includes two Freshmen, Bob Sparks and Harley Thornton, and two Seniors, Hubert Churchill and Keith Thornton, with Beth Williams as their pianist. The boys sang at Lions' Club Meetings, PTA, Christmas Program, Spring Program, and Music Contest. "Roadways" and "The Riff Song" were their songs for contest.

Two seventh graders, Maxine Williams and Karen Boot, three Sophomores, Erma Lea Brewer, Margaret McFadden, and Lila Steenhoek, and one Senior, Rosemary Hanel, with Beth Williams as their accompanist, made up the Girls' Sextette. The sextette sang for the Lions' Club, Junior Class Play, Christmas, Spring Program and Music Contest.

Bob Sparks, Hubert Churchill, Judy Shutt, and Shirley Elrod with Beth Williams as accompanist, composed the Mixed Quartette.

The grade school sextette, Dale Benson, Virginia Abrahams, Barbara Vanderzyl, Virginia Van Voorhis, Judy Buckingham, and Jimmy McKlveen, sang at the Christmas Program and Spring Program.

Three boys, Keith Thornton, Hubert Churchill, and Marvin Brubaker, and nine girls, Dorothy Van Houwelling, Elnor Herweh, Judy Shutt, Cynthia Boot, Margaret McFadden, Phyllis Abrahams, Beth Williams, Lila Steenhoek and Erma Lea Brewer, were the soloists for this year. Each has performed at various times throughout the year.

Mixed Chorus

BACK ROW: Phyllis Abrahams, Judy Shutt, Marvin Brubaker, Hubert Churchill, Keith Thornton, Ronald Heimstra, Bob Sparks, Jon Ritter, Elnor Herweh, Beverly Traeger.

THIRD ROW: Dorothy Van Zee, Dorothy Shera, Cynthia Boot, Alice Thompson, Alice Van Ryswyk, Larry Sparks, Barbara Vande Lune, Rosemary Hanel, Sheryl Koder, Lola Steenhoek, Shirley Elrod.

SECOND ROW: Grace Telfer, Donna Brunner, Nancy Williams, Erma Lea Brewer, Jon Jennings, Lila Steenhoek, Beverly Jabaai, Janice Byers, Beth Williams, acc.

FRONT ROW: Ellen Vaught, Linda Sandy, Judy Van Zee, Harley Thornton, Dennis Brubaker, Maxine Williams, Judy Noon, Mary Shera.

Girls' Glee Club

BACK ROW: Margaret Morhauser, Mary Louise Kain, Karolyn Jennings, Dorothy Shera, Louise French, Madge Reed, Janet Wilson, Elnor Herweh, Beverly Traeger, Judy Shutt, Lola Steenhoek, Judy Kutchin.

THIRD ROW: Cynthia Boot, Carolyn Van Houwelling, Elaine Rinehart, Alice Thompson, JoEllen Thompson, Alice Van Ryswyk, Barbara Vande Lune, Rosemary Hanel, Sheryl Koder, Dorothy Van Houwelling, Judy Noon, Shirley Elrod.

SECOND ROW: Karen Boot, Dorothy Van Zee, Grace Telfer, Donna Brunner, Nancy Williams, Erma Lea Brewer, Lila Steenhoek, Beverly Jabaai, Margaret McFadden, Joyce Moomaw, Janice Byers, Beth Williams, acc.

FRONT ROW: Ellen Vaught, Loretta Cline, Linda Sandy, Jean Grimes, Judy Van Zee, Maxine Williams, JoEllen Wassenaar, Mary Shera, Margie Van Dyke.

Band

BACK ROW: Judy Van Zee, Judy Shutt, Phyllis Abrahams, Harley Thornton, Keith Thornton, Richard Heimstra, Bob Sparks, Beryl Bos, Jackie Sparks.

THIRD ROW: Karen Boot, Carolyn Van Houwelling, Judy Kutchin, Margaret Morhauser, JoEllen Thompson, Alice Thompson, Dorothy Van Houwelling, Janet Wilson, Margaret McFadden.

SECOND ROW: Gerald Madsen, Virginia Abrahams, Maxine Williams, Loretta Cline, Linda Sandy, Alice Van Ryswyk, Wanda Abrahams, Lila Steenhoek, Lola Steenhoek, Shirley Elrod, Jimmy McKlveen.

FRONT ROW: Ronald Vander Ploeg, Margaret Stoner, Margery Thornton, Barbara Vanderzyl, Virginia Van Voorhis, Judy Buckingham, Neola Bos, Marlene Freeman, Judy Schlosser, Karen Sandy, Dale Benson.

Forty-five girls, or the Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Gerald Madsen, sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "I Heard A Forest Praying" and "Tiratomba" at Music Contest. They also performed at Junior Class Play, Christmas Program, and Spring Contest.

Also participating at Music Contest was the Mixed Chorus. Their numbers included "Legende", "The Curtains of Night", and "Ho-La-Li".

A Marching Band was organized this year and it performed at several of the home football games. "Cardinal Overture," "The Seeds of Canas," and El Sereno" were their contest numbers.

BRASS QUARTETTE

CLARINET TRIO

SAX QUARTETTE

TRUMPET TRIO

BARITONE DUET

The Brass Quartette consisted of Janet Wilson, Bob Sparks, Virginia Abrahams, and Margery Thornton who played at the Spring Program and Music Contest. Their number for contest was "Caprice in G Minor".

Judy Kutchin, Maxine Williams and Margaret Morhauser made up the Clarinet Trio.

"Jeannadan" was the contest number of the Sax Quartette. Their members were Judy Van Zee, Barbara Vanderzyl, Wanda Abrahams, and Lila Steenhoek.

CLARINET QUARTETTE

SAX TRIO

Trumpet Quartette

The Trumpet Trio was composed of Neola Bos, Margery Thornton, and Virginia Abrahams. These girls played at the Christmas Program, Lions' Club Meeting, PTA, Spring Program, and Music Contest. Their contest number was "Joyfulness".

Although the Baritone Duet couldn't participate in the Music Contest because there wasn't any entry for them, Dorothy Van Houwelling and Janet Wilson played at PTA and Spring Program.

Two Freshmen, JoEllen Thompson and Lola Steenhoek, one eight grader, Linda Sandy, and one Sophomore, Margaret McFadden, made up the Clarinet Quartette. "Andante Cantabile" and "Galloway Pipers" was their contest numbers.

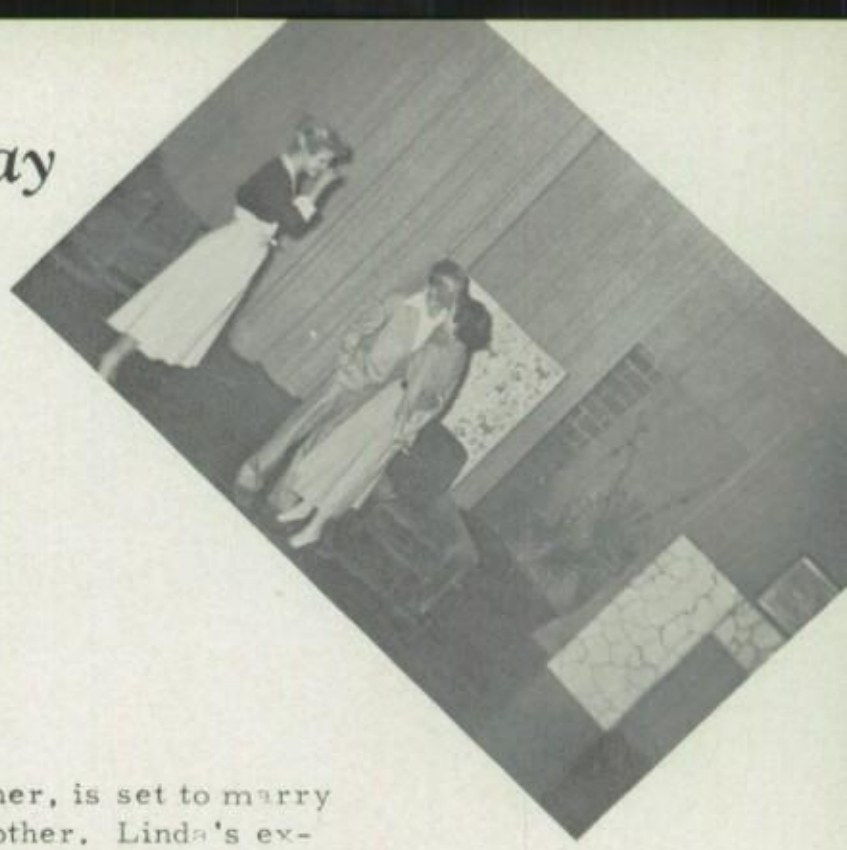
Three sixth-graders, Barbara Vanderzyl, Virginia Van Voorhis, and Judy Buckingham, played "Triad" at contest. This Sax Trio performed at the Junior Class Play, Christmas Program, Spring Program, and Music Contest.

The Trumpet Quartette, made up of Jackie Sparks, Alice Van Ryswyk, Virginia Van Voorhis, and Dale Benson, used "Dedication" as their contest number.

Harley Thornton, Dorothy Van Houwelling, Keith Thornton, Alice Van Ryswyk, and Jackie Sparks, made up the Brass Quintette.

BRASS QUINTETTE

Junior Class Play



A BROOM FOR THE BRIDE

Linda, daughter of a socially pretentious mother, is set to marry Ernest, the mama's boy of a supposedly wealthy mother. Linda's ex-fiance, a reporter, turns up and sets his mind to breaking up this match. The wealthy Aunt of the family--they've not seen her for many years, turns up and is mistaken by a flighty mother for the new maid; she is put to work. A crook, posing as a society reporter, enters the house with his niece; he is after some valuable letters known to him to be concealed behind a family painting. The reporter disguises himself as the Aunt from Boston; he disrupts the plans for the big wedding and partially exposes some of the phony guests. Linda realizes she really loves the reporter. Together with her new fiance, they dispose of the possessive mother of Ernest and enable him to marry the niece of the crook, who has reformed, and has made a match with the wealthy Aunt who has been mistaken for the new maid.

CAST

Bert Grey . . . . . long suffering father. . . . . Truman Wagner
Clara. . . . . .flighty society mother. . . . . .Doris Trunnel
Josie. . . . . a domineering maid. . . . . .Joanna Oliver
Linda Grey. . . . . the attractive bride-to-be. . . . . .Nona Emerson
Susie Jones. . . . . an impish nine-year old. . . . . .Ruth Grimes
Mrs. Digberry . . . . . pompous and snobbish society woman. . . Marilyn Miller
Ernest Digberry. . . . . the timid groom. . . . . Max Ingram
Miranda Gos . . . . . wealthy old eccentric from Boston. .Dorothy Daugherty
Dolly Laurel. . . . . a romantic young lady. . . . . Sandra Beaver
Roger Hornblow . . . . . a would-be crook . . . . . Dick Soutter
Tony Piper. . . . . .a young reporter who stops at nothing. . Marvin Brubaker
Lola Lovelace. . . . . a faded stage star. . Mary Lou Van Wyngarden
Deacon Marridew. . . . . a crotchety old woman hater. . . . . .Jim McCauley

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Make-up. . . . . Nona Emerson
Costumes. . . . . .Sandra Beaver
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Our First Homecoming

Homecoming made its initial appearance at Prairie City High this year. Five girls from the Junior and Senior classes were selected by the student body to serve as candidates. They were Ardis Van Peursem, June Jennings, Wanda Abrahams, Rosemary Hanel, and Barbara Vande Lune. Of these five, three were voted to reign over Homecoming, Ardis as Queen and June and Wanda as attendants.

On Thursday evening, October 8, Stunt Night was opened by a Pep Rally on the football field with a huge bonfire. The activities then moved to the gym where the Coronation took place. Ronald Heimstra served as Master of Ceremonies. The Queen and her attendants received bouquets of roses and were escorted to their crowning seats to observe the evening's entertainment. This consisted of stunts or skits put on by each class, 7th through 12th, and the teachers.

Friday evening, the Homecoming football game was played with Urbandale. The Queen and her attendants were presented to the many spectators by the way of a convertible driven by Donald Hunsicker. During the halftime, the football boys presented Ardis, June, and Wanda with corsages of yellow mums.

An Alumni Coffee was held after the game in the Hot Lunch Room. The PTA served coffee and cookies to the alumni, students, teachers, and guests.

Cheerleaders and Letter Club

At the beginning of the school year the student body chose the following cheerleaders: Nona Emerson, Erma Lea Brewer, Phyllis Abrahams, Beverly Traeger, and Joyce Moomaw.

The school purchased new uniforms for the girls consisting of red skirts with black pleats and red and black blouses.

Under the undying leadership of the cheerleaders the girls and boys were spurred on to many victories.

FOURTH ROW: Margaret McFadden, Beverly Jabaai, Hubert Churchill, Larry Jennings, Gary Timmons, Duane Jennings, Marvin Brubaker, Beverly Messmaker, June Jennings

THIRD ROW: Jean Thompson, Ardie Van Peursem, Art Van Ryswyk, Truman Wagner, Ronald Telfer, Bob Vanderzyl, Jackie Sparks, Lila Steenhoek

SECOND ROW: Wanda Abrahams, Jim McCauley, Max Ingram, Jim Taylor, Gordon Wassenaar, Keith Thornton, Rosemary Hanel

FIRST ROW: Beverly Trager, Joyce Moomaw, Phyllis Abrahams, Noni Emerson, Erma Lea Brewer

Newspaper Staff

The editor of our paper, "The School Daze," was Rosemary Hanel. Each week the staff met for an informal "gab fest" in Mrs. Oliver's room to decide what would be put in the paper for the following week. Margaret McFadden and Erma Lee Brewer were in charge of the what-not column; Cynthia Boot, the general news; Ardie Van Peursem and Jean Thompson, the humor column; and Nona Mae Emerson and Truman Wagner, the sports events that occurred during the week. Beth Williams wrote the music news and Bob Sparks wrote the grade school news. Doris Trunnel was the assistant editor and Mrs. Oliver was the advisor.

Nona Mae Emerson, Cynthia Boot, Erma Lee Brewer, Ardis Van Peursem, Margaret McFadden, Keith Thornton, Truman Wagner, Bob Sparks and Beth Williams. Seated are Doris Ann Trunnel, Rosemary Hanel, Jean Thompson, and Mrs. Oliver.

Freshman Initiation

Christmas Party

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ATHLETICS

Football

BACK ROW: Harley Thornton, David Boot, Howard Vander Hart, Travis Walters, Jr.
SECOND ROW: Bob Sparks, Jimmie McCauley, Keith Thornton, Duane Jennings, Gordon Wassenaar, Coach Van Peursem
FRONT ROW: Gary Timmons, Ronald Telfer, Hubert Churchill, Larry Jennings, Bob Vanderzyl

Due to their small size and many injuries throughout the year the Plainsmen were greatly handicapped. The boys showed much improvement during the season, but were unable to obtain a victory.

Those graduating from the squad this year are Hubert Churchill, Larry Jennings, Gary Timmons, Keith Thornton, and Bob Vanderzyl.

Mingo	27	Prairie City	6
Mitchellville	52	Prairie City	14
Woodside	28	Prairie City	6
Kellogg	31	Prairie City	6
Runnells	44	Prairie City	0
Baxter	24	Prairie City	0
Urbandale	31	Prairie City	14
Bondurant	37	Prairie City	8
Grimes	38	Prairie City	20

Junior High Basketball

FIRST ROW: Dennis Brubaker, Billie Schlosser, Jimmie Miller, Gene Koder, John Van Haalen
SECOND ROW: Jimmy Dean, Bobby Sparks, Ervin Van Haaften, Jon Jennings, Wesley Ackley
THIRD ROW: David Winegar, Mr. Ackley, Kenneth Willis, Richard Hiemstra

FIRST ROW: Carolyn Van Houweling, Loretta Cline, Linda Sandy, Janet Wilson, Judy Kutchin, Jo Ellen Wassenaar
SECOND ROW: Judy Van Zee, Judy Noon, Margaret Morhauser, Louise French, Maxine Williams
THIRD ROW: Jean Grimes, Karen Boot, Mr. Ackley, Beulah Byers, Alda Neely

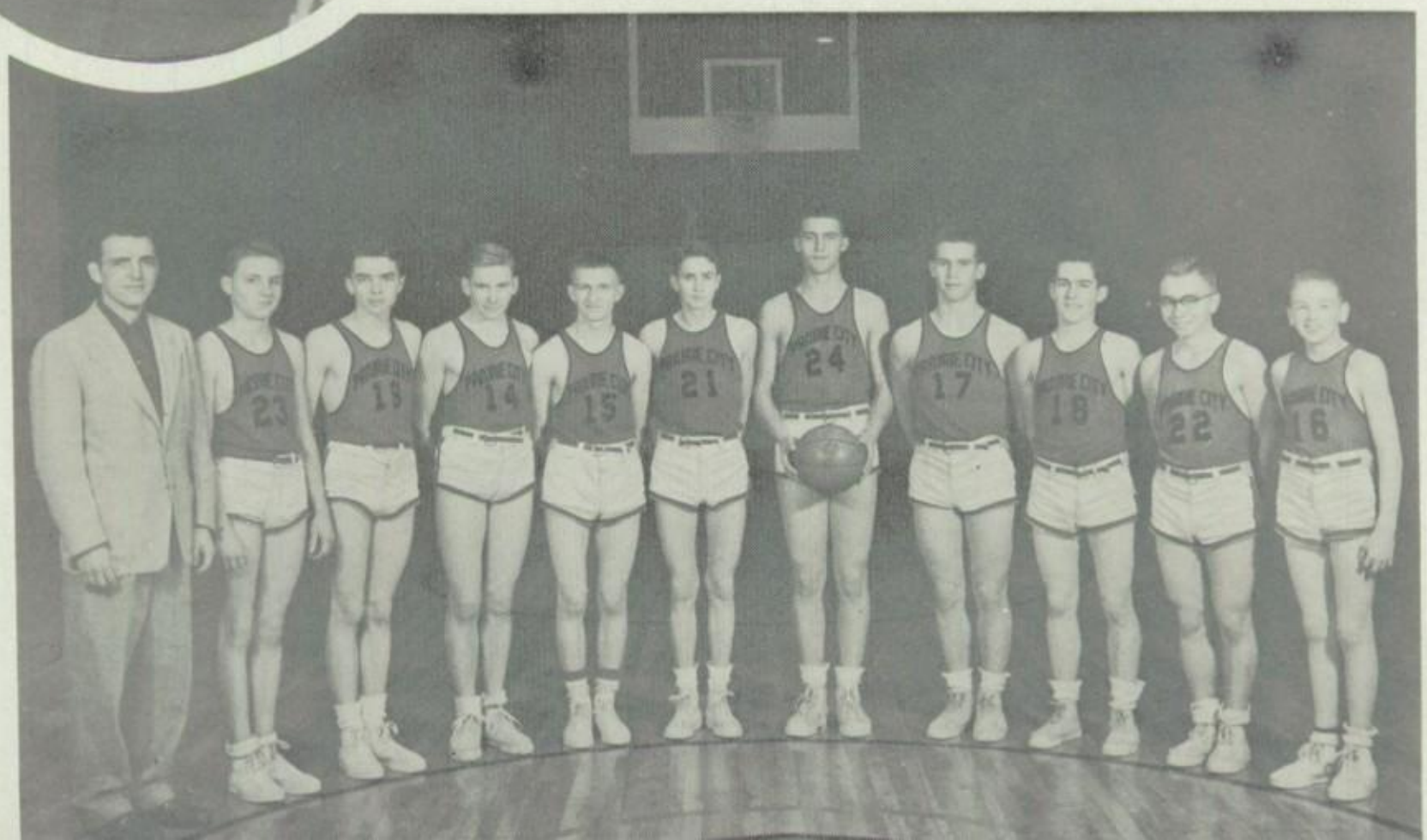
Boys' Basketball

The Prairie City Boys' Basketball Team ended their season with 4 wins and 15 losses. The team showed improvement during the season and played remarkable ball only to have the breaks go against them.

Those graduating from the squad this year are Garv Timmons, Bob Vander Zyl, Larry Jennings, and Keith Thornton.

Prairie City	34	Kellogg	51
Prairie City	40	Runnells	54
Prairie City	53	Mitchellville	58
Prairie City	40	Lynnville	54
Prairie City	35	Kellogg	44
Prairie City	31	Monroe	62
Prairie City	52	Baxter	42
Prairie City	58	Mingo	45
Prairie City	53	Hartford	46
Prairie City	48	Runnells	52
Prairie City	49	Lynnville	67
Prairie City	36	Colfax	65
Prairie City	46	Hartford	59
Prairie City	48	Sully	67
Prairie City	38	Mitchellville	51
Prairie City	21	Monroe	52
Prairie City	43	Newburg	35
Prairie City	52	Kellogg	54
Prairie City	41	Mitchellville	45

LEFT TO RIGHT
Coach Van Peursem, Howard Vander Hart, Jon Ritter, Keith Thornton, Gorden Wassenaar, Bob Vanderzyl, Larry Jennings, Duane Jennings, Gary Timmons, Truman Wagner, and Harley Thornton.



Conference Champs

County Champs

Girls' Basketball

The Prairie City Girls' Basketball team had a very successful season winning 16 and losing 7 games. The hi-lites of the season were the winning of the county tournament and the conference championship. The girls were nosed from the finals of the sectional tournament by Monroe, losing to them 55 to 57.

The leading scorer this year was Jackie Sparks who netted 420 points, following her in the scoring were Lila Steenhoek with 357 and Ardis Van Peursem with 315 points. The total offensive average was 55; the guards have a good defensive average of 40 points per game.

Prairie City	69	Kellogg	26
Prairie City	44	Runnells	47
Prairie City	35	Mitchellville	39
Prairie City	58	Lynnville	32
Prairie City	50	Kellogg	43
Prairie City	49	Monroe	37
Prairie City	51	Baxter	23
Prairie City	53	Mingo	38
Prairie City	43	Hartford	47
Prairie City	46	Runnells	48
Prairie City	65	Lynnville	53
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Prairie City	56	Newburg	53
Prairie City	48	Hartford	41
Prairie City	79	Sully	34
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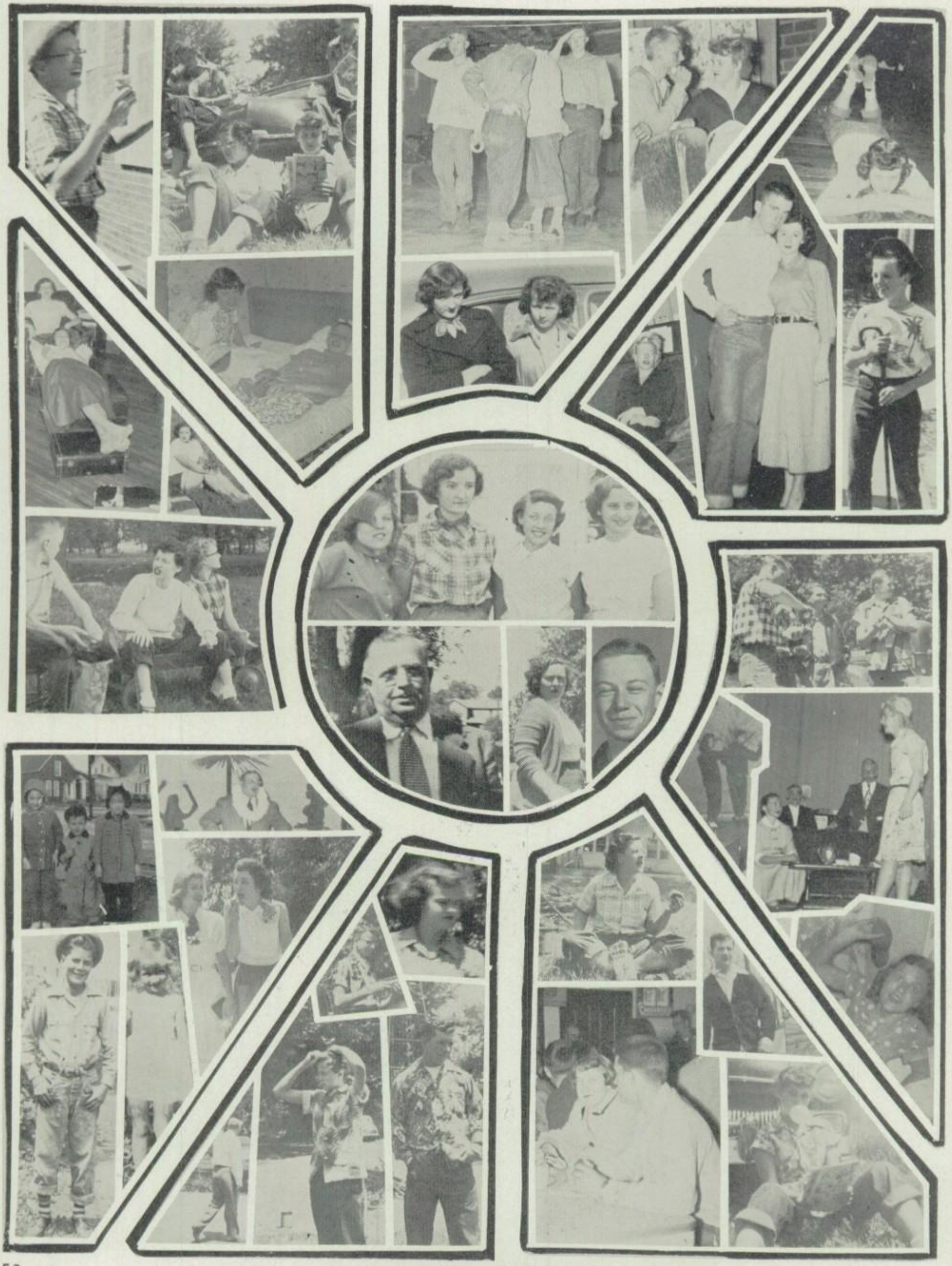
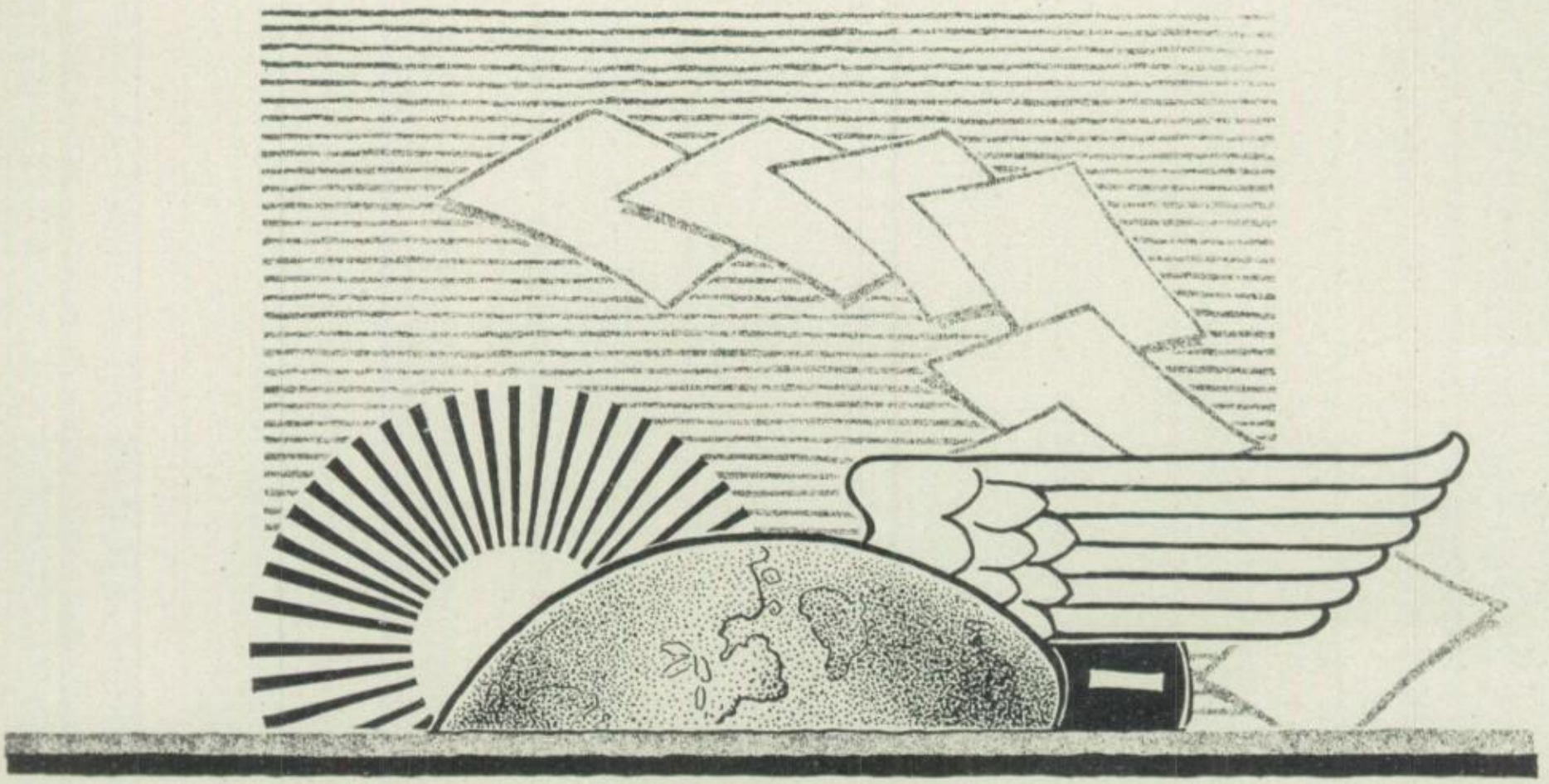
Prairie City	62	Monroe	34
Prairie City	73	Sully	39
Prairie City	51	Colfax	38
Prairie City	91	Lynnville	44
Prairie City	61	Newburg	55
Prairie City	52	Sully	25
Prairie City	58	Pella	36
Prairie City	55	Monroe	57

SECTIONAL RUNNERS-UP

LEFT TO RIGHT

Grace Telfer, Beverly Messmaker, June Jennings, Barbara Vande Lune, Jean Thompson, Ardis Van Peursem, Rosemary Hanel, Lila Steenhoek, Jackie Sparks, Beverly Jabaai, Margaret McFadden, and Sheryl Koder. Standing are Coach Van Peursem and Wanda Abrahams, manager.





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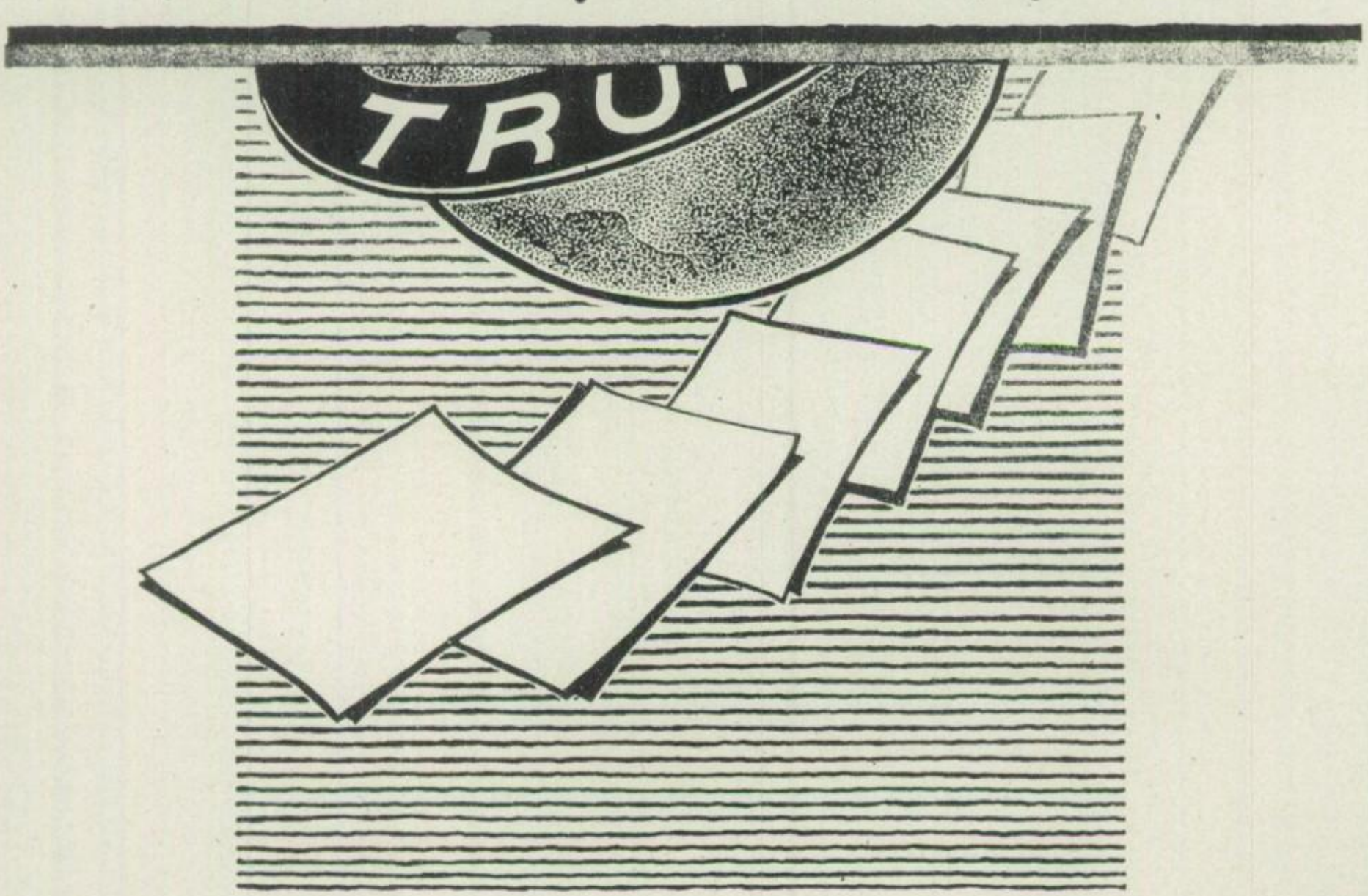

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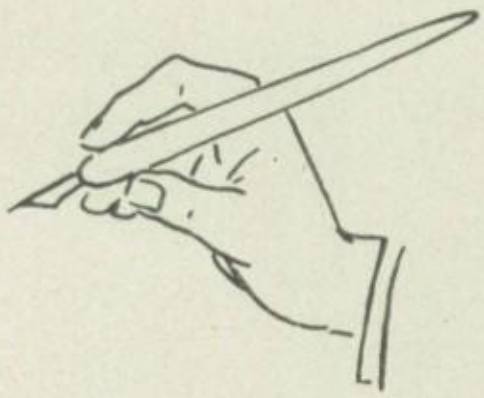

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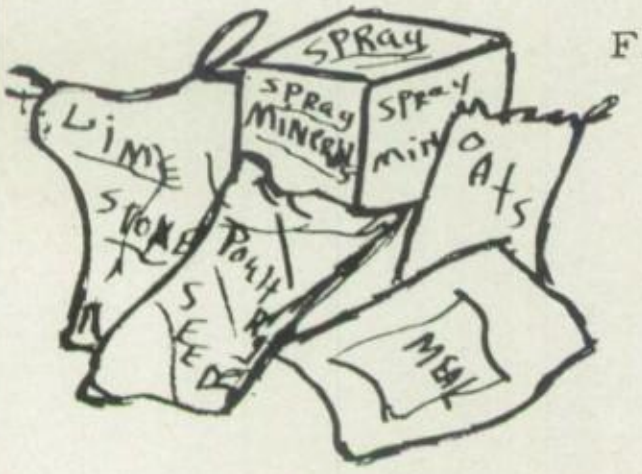

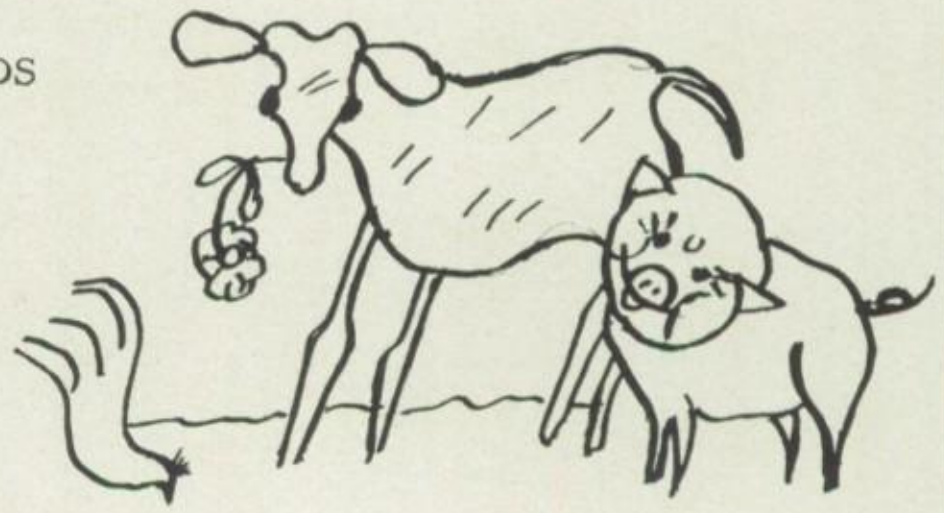

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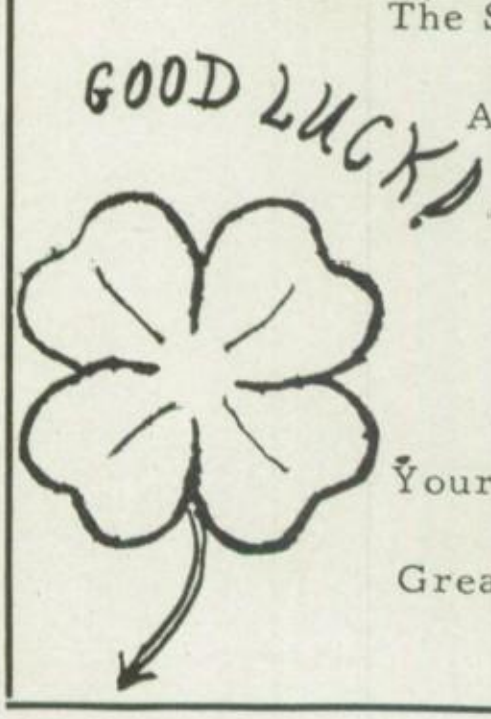

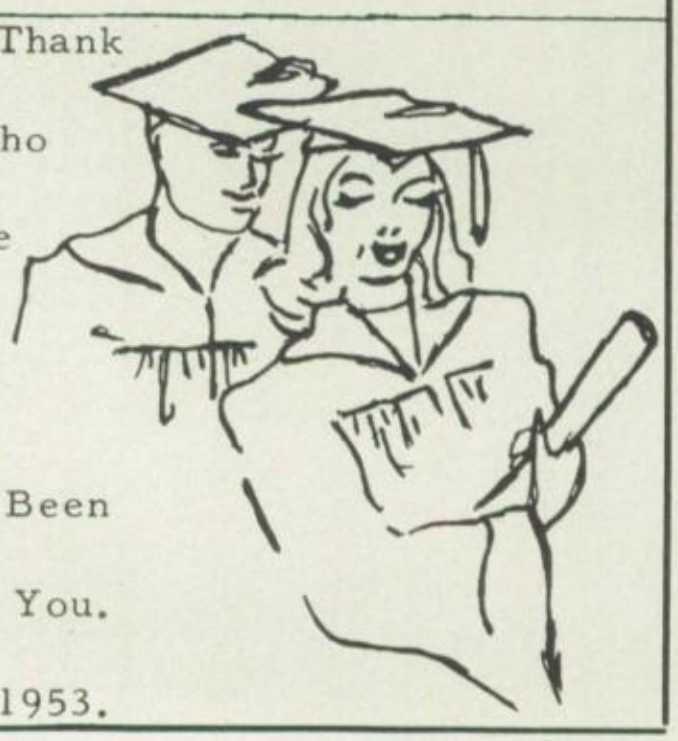

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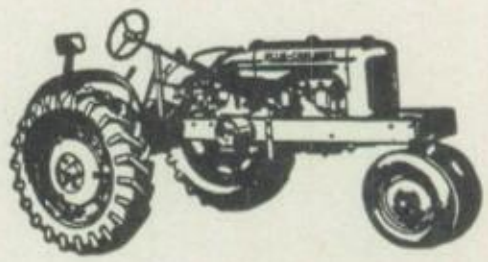

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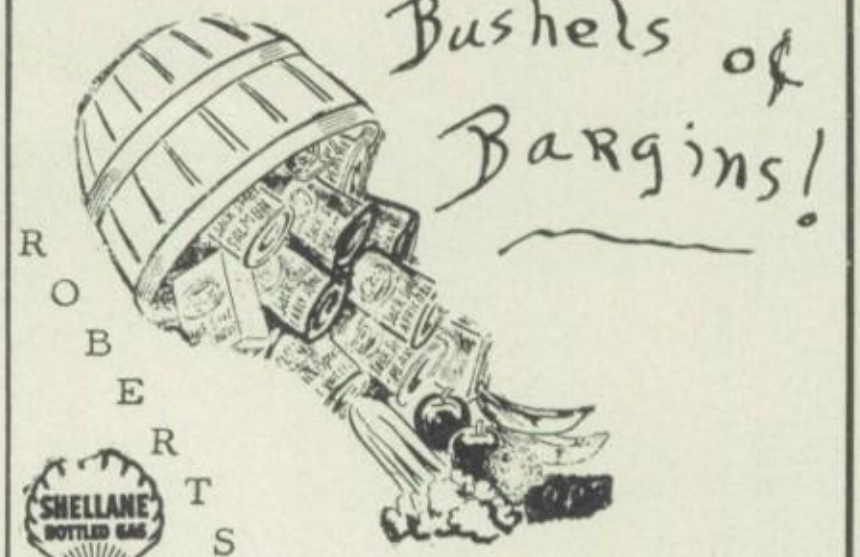

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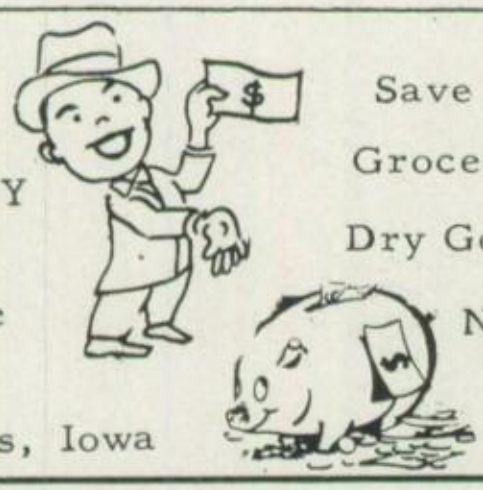

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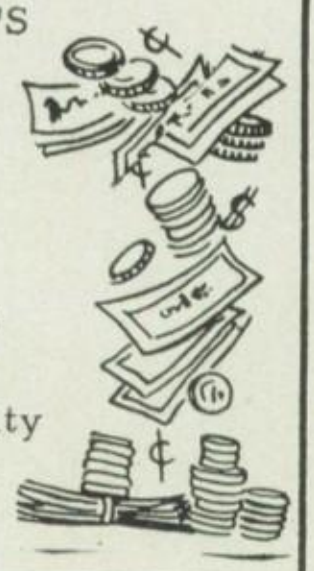

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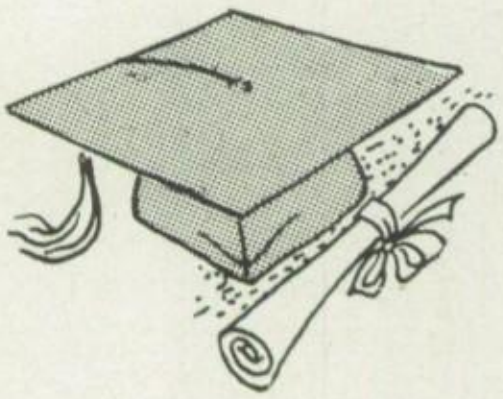

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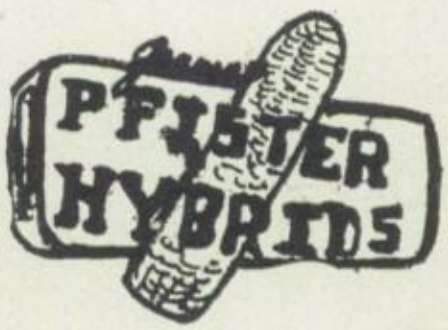

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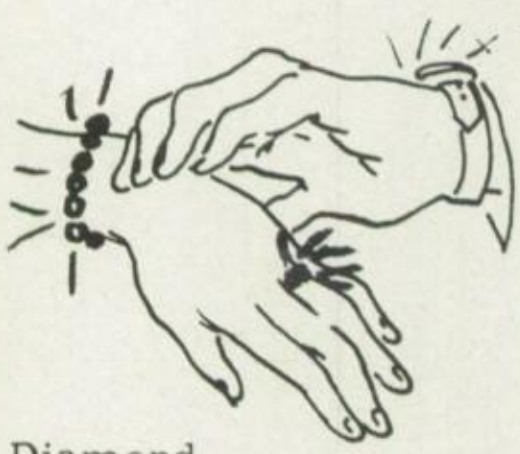

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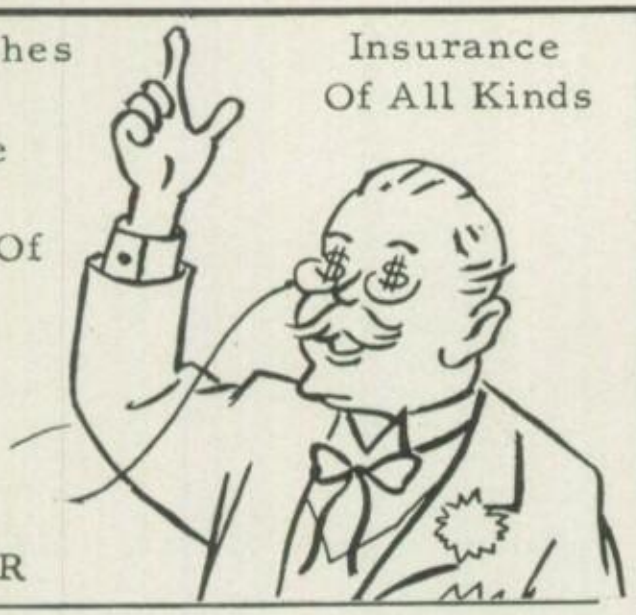

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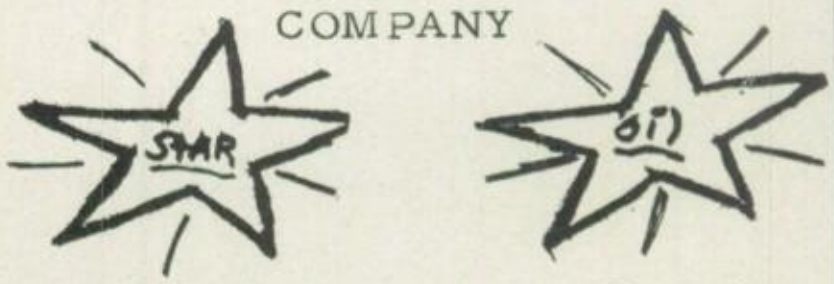

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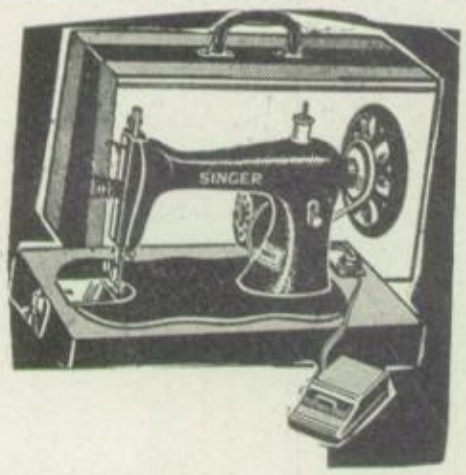

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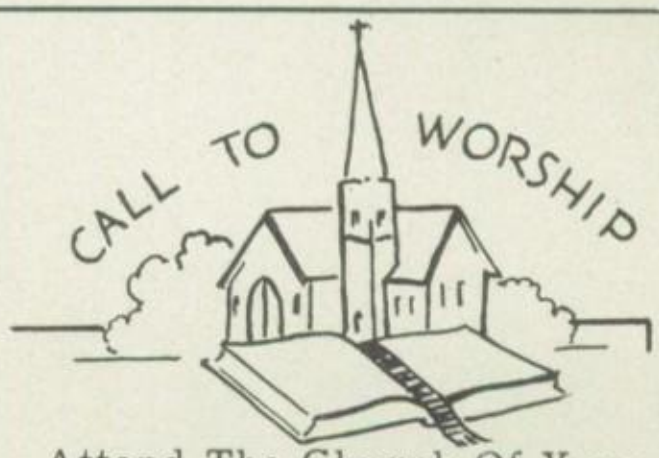

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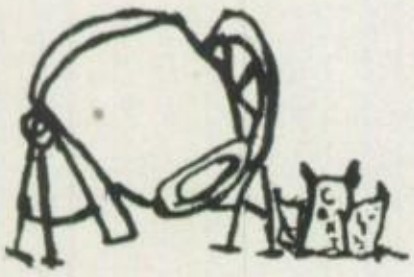

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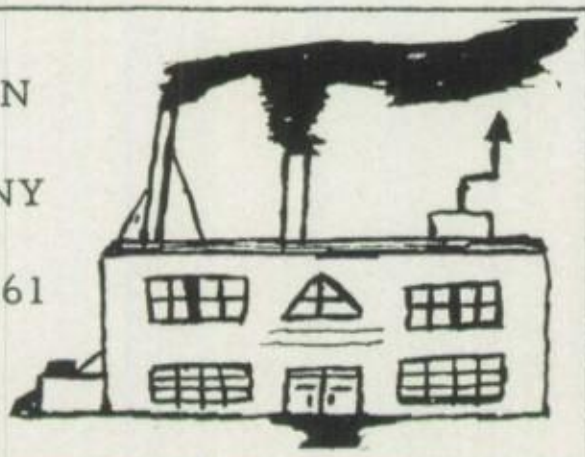

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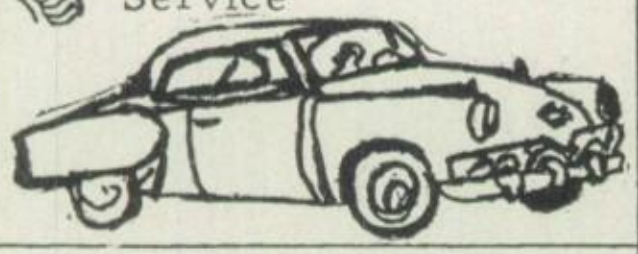

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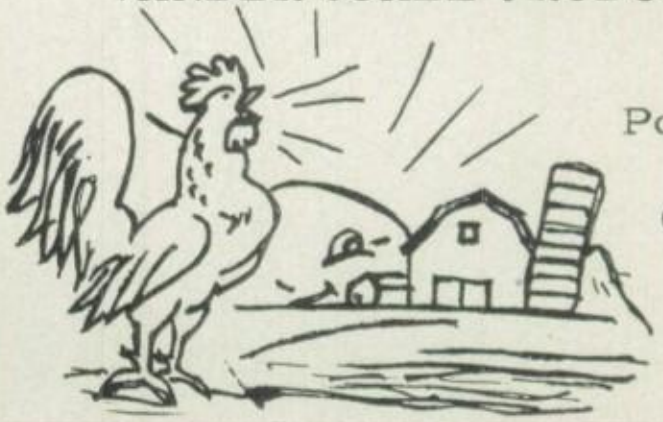

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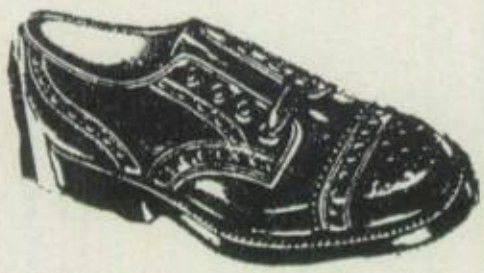

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